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SUBJECT: MBFR: BELGIAN VIEWS

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1. BELGIAN COUNSELOR CALLED ON ACDA OFFICIAL FEB 5 AND ON INSTRUCTIONS EXPRESSED FOLLOWING VIEWS ABOUT MBFR: (A) APART FROM REDUCTIONS, ASSOCIATED MEASURES (STABILIZING MEASURES, VERIFICATION, AND NON-CIRCUMVENTION) ARE IMPORTANT IN THEMSELVES AND FOR THEIR MULTILATERAL ASPECT; (B) IT IS IMPORTANT TO VERIFY REDUCTIONS AS WELL AS STABILIZING MEASURES, ESPECIALLY TO ENSURE PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN THE AGREEMENT; (C) MEASURES PROPOSED FOR A PHASE I AGREEMENT MAY SET A PRECEDENT FOR PHASE II AND THIS FACTOR SHOULD BE KEPT IN MIND; AND (D) THE MULTILATERAL ASPECTS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AS WELL AS ANY AGREEMENT SHOULD BE KEPT IN MIND.

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2. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION, BELGIAN COUNSELOR SAID HE

KNEW OF NO SPECIFIC REASON FOR HIS PRESENT INSTRUCTIONS.

3. ACDA OFFICIAL SAID: US ALSO REGARDS ASSOCIATED MEASURES AS IMPORTANT AND, FOR EXAMPLE, WELCOMES AGREEMENT WHICH HAS BEEN REACHED IN SPC ON FOUR STABILIZING MEASURES; ATTACHES IMPORTANCE TO VERIFYING REDUCTIONS; IS AWARE OF POSSIBLE PRECEDENT-SETTING CHARACTER OF A PHASE I AGREEMENT; AND SAID HE THOUGHT PRESENT

ARRANGEMENTS IN VIENNA FOR ENSURING MULTILATERAL CHARACTER OF NEGOTIATIONS WERE SATISFACTORY. KISSINGER

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